

**St John's Church  
Glastonbury**

**HOLY COMMUNION**



**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 2020**

Organ Voluntary:  
*Chorale Prelude "Schmucke dich" by Brahms*

## **Welcome & Notices**

**The Collect** *led by Mrs Di Greuter*  
*The Collect is said, and all respond Amen.*

**Almighty God,**  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen*

Hymn : Dear Lord and Father of mankind

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind;  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian Sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.**
- 3 O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!**
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.**

**5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!**

### **New Testament Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*At the end the reader says:*  
This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria : Said by all..*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
*Amen.***

*Please Stand*

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.***

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21 - 35**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, O Lord.*

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went

and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?"

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon – The Vicar**

### **Confession**

*We all say...*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
*Amen.***

### **The Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Intercessions led by Mrs. Di Greuter**

*These responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
Which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*

*We All say....*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sit as the Celebrant recalls the Last Supper –  
Led by The Revd. Robin Ray*

*After the Consecration, this acclamation may be used:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**You have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread

To share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

### **Agnus Dei – Said by all....**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

Who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Hymn during Communion:

**Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**O God you give us life and growth,  
we thank you for calling us to be your people.  
Help us to become united  
in prayer and worship  
in service to you and your world.  
Make us witnesses of your love;  
give us a spirit of tolerance and understanding,  
of hope and courage.  
Increase our faith and knowledge;  
so that we may give ourselves to you  
and to each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord. *Amen***

Hymn : Make me a channel of your peace

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***
  
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, only light;  
and where there's sadness, ever joy.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

- 3 Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.***

## **The Peace**

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
***Amen.***

Please keep the following people & their families in your prayers:

**Amber**  
**Liz Affleck-Edwards**  
**Diana Asbridge**  
**Neill Bonham**  
**John Brunson**  
**Fr. Robert Featherstone**  
**Joan Green**  
**Bishop Peter Hancock**  
**Michael MacGeoch**  
**Valerie Moreton**  
**Rick Pudner**  
**Sylvia Ray**  
**Sister Liz Rees**  
**Jean Rooney**  
**Bonnie Tillbrook**  
**Jenny Townhill**  
**Rosemary Turnbull**  
**Jodi Wall**  
**Elizabeth Wallace-Dunlop**  
**Brian & Freda Williams**

*Please also hold Michele Kitto in your prayers as she is Ordained  
Deacon on Saturday 26th September.*

**RIP**  
Kathleen Collett  
Larry Schenck  
John Wynn

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**St John's Church:**  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 9am:** Morning Prayer  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 10am – 12noon:**  
Church open for individual prayer

**St Benedict's Church**  
**Saturdays: 10am-12noon:**  
Church open for Individual prayer

*If you would like to contact the Vicar, Preb. David MacGeoch,  
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*The Parish Office is open **Tuesday - Friday; 9am - 3pm***

**SUNDAY**  
**20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

*Trinity 15*

**Holy Communion**  
*at 10am*

**in St John's Church**